

## BOWMAN LAY DOWN BETWEEN TRACKS

Young White Man Is Killed by Passenger Train on the D. and W.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MARTINSVILLE, Va., January 3.—Eugene Bowman, young white man of Patrick county, was run over and killed yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock by the eastbound passenger train on the Danville and Western road near Preston, this county. Bowman, who had been living in West Virginia, came to Walker's Station yesterday and started to walk up the Danville and Western track in the direction of his home.

A passenger on the train which killed him is reported to have seen him lying between the rails before he was struck by the train. Mr. George E. Waller, coroner, held an inquest over the body this morning, and found that he came to his death by being run over by the train.

Bowman's watch and \$14 in money were found on his person.

### SAVED THE BABY

Neighbor Entered a Burning Building and Rescued Infant.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LA CROSSE, Va., January 3.—A small tenement building located on the property of P. A. Pettus, of this place, burned down this evening at 7 o'clock. Edmund Midgett and wife, who occupied the building and were away at the time of the fire. They left a small child in bed, that would have been killed but for the thoughtfulness of a neighbor, who ran into the building and rescued it. The fire was caused by a defective stove. Loss, about \$250.

### PREACHER IS "FOUNDED"

Surprise Given to the Rev. W. L. Dolly, Fredericksburg, Va.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., January 3.—Rev. W. L. Dolly, pastor of the Methodist Church, was made glad last evening by the members of his congregation, who called at the residence in a body, each bearing an article useful for housekeeping purposes. The pastor and his wife received the callers, New Year's greetings were exchanged, and the pious and useful articles were distributed. The pastor was surprised by the surprise, and the ladies of the church were very kind.

Inspected Jail. Secretary James T. Martin, of Richmond, of the Virginia State Board of Charities and Corrections, was here yesterday, and inspected the City Jail and Alms House. Both were found in excellent condition, and Mr. Martin expressed his gratification. The secretary drove from here to the alms house in Stafford county, which was also inspected.

Week of Prayer. A week of prayer services will be held in the churches of the city next week, alternating as follows: Monday night, Presbyterian Church; Tuesday night, Baptist Church; Wednesday night, St. George's Episcopal Church; Thursday night, Rev. C. W. Buchanan and Rev. C. K. Cummings; Friday night, Methodist Church; Saturday night, Presbyterian Church; Sunday, Rev. W. L. Dolly.

Social Notes From Jenkins Branch. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) JENKINS BRANCH, January 3.—Dr. and Mrs. Frank Fletcher have been the charming hosts at their beautiful home, "The Cedars," during the holidays. Among those enjoying their hospitality were: Mrs. Anne Woodward, of Hampton; Marye Page Morris, of Norfolk; Florence Haywood, of Snow Hill, Md.; Messrs. Ashton Fletcher, Donald Fletcher, of Norfolk, and Dr. O. W. Fletcher, of Portsmouth.

Mr. Ashton Fletcher gave a lively party Wednesday night to "Shamrock," the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. D. Fletcher, where dancing and what were the chief amusements of the evening. A watch party was given by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mason Thursday evening at their home, "Laxwood," where the coming of Father Time. Dancing was one of the features of the evening. Among those present were: Mrs. L. E. White, Charlotte Corbin, Lena Brittingham, Winnie Matthews, Nancy A. Taylor, and Edith Witham, of Norfolk; Oscar Fletcher, of Portsmouth; and Miss Joseph Witham was the charming hostess Saturday night of "Ye Old-Time" New Year's party, given in honor of Miss Matthews and Woodward, guests at "The Cedars."

Takes Charge To-Day. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., January 3.—Mr. Allen Cucullu, who was elected cashier of the Lynchburg National Bank to succeed the late George W. Moore, will take charge of the bank Monday morning.

Mr. Cucullu comes from Danville, where he has been cashier for some years of the First National Bank, and he is recognized as one of the foremost bankers of the State.

Must Deliver Packages. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., January 3.—The Southern and Adams Express Companies have been required by order of the State Corporation Commission, to extend the delivery limits to include all of the city limits not later than January 10th. It has been the custom of the companies not to deliver in some sections of the city, and complaints were made by the Retail Merchants' Association.

Annual Meeting. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHEVILLE, N. C., January 3.—At the annual meeting of the Asheville Club, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Vance Brown; Vice-President, Louis M. Bourne; Secretary, J. H. Fitzgerald; Board of Governors—J. H. Wood, J. J. McCloskey, E. D. Frost. After the appointment of various committees and the election of officers, the annual club banquet was held.

Farmers' Union. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WOODSTOCK, Va., January 3.—The Shenandoah Farmers' Union held its annual meeting yesterday, re-electing Dr. W. C. Ford president, and P. F. Peor secretary, and declared a dividend of 15 per cent. This was one of the most prosperous years in the history of the organization.

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## OFFICER SHOTS FLEEING NEGRO

Caught Robber Coming Out of Home, but He Makes Escape.

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The officer accosted the pair as they were leaving the building. He ordered them to halt, but they ran, and he fired twice. He was certain one man was shot in the back, and later it was learned that a negro who was bleeding profusely was seen leaving the city over the Southern James River bridge.

The robbers probably hail from Amherst county, and all nearby negro settlements are being searched for the wounded man.

### VANDERBILT RETIRES.

Sells Biltmore Electrical Equipment and He Quits Business.

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Through this transaction the Asheville Electric Company becomes the owner of all the electric lines on the Biltmore estate, which supply light and power for Biltmore House, the homes and business houses in Biltmore village and vicinity, including the Kenilworth Inn. Mr. C. E. Waddell, who had charge of the electrical department of the Biltmore estate, will remain in the employ of the Vanderbilt interests as consulting engineer.

Rev. Shields Transferred. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBORO, N. C., January 3.—Rev. M. McG. Shields, who was recently called to become superintendent of Home Missions in the Presbyterian synod of North Carolina, will move to Greensboro from Norfolk, Va., next week. This is the position held by Rev. R. W. Smith, of Asheville, until the last meeting of synod, when he resigned. Rev. S. M. Rankin, of this city, is superintendent of Home Missions in Orange Presbytery.

Aid for Sufferers. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBORO, N. C., January 3.—In response to an appeal issued yesterday afternoon from Mayor Brandt for contributions for the relief of the Sicilian earthquake sufferers, the following quick responses were made: Cone Export and Commission Company, \$100; Odell Hardware Company, \$25; Pro-

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Tobacco Market Opens. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., January 3.—The tobacco sales will be resumed on the local market Monday morning, after having been suspended since December 15th. It is expected that the sales will start off rather heavy, though they will hardly be as heavy as they were prior to the holidays.

Abandoned Child. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, Va., January 3.—A newborn female infant was left on the doorstep at the home of Ernest Legary here before daylight this morning. The child was in a basket, its form being wrapped in a blanket. There is no clue to the mother.

Contributed to College. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SOUTH BOSTON, Va., January 3.—The Baptist Church at this place contributed \$1,000 to the Woman's College Endowment Fund at Richmond a few days ago.

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NEW YORK, January 3.—Mrs. James Brown Potter, the actress, arrived yesterday on the Lusitania, after twelve years' absence from America.

"Is it true," a reporter asked, "that Mr. James Brown Potter offered you \$100,000 if you would relinquish the use of his name?"

"That is all news to me, except that I heard such a thing was reported. Why, I didn't know my name was worth as much as that, though I feel sure it is worth only what I have made it. It has no value whatever that it has not acquired through my efforts. So far as I am aware, no one ever heard of James Brown Potter until I placed his name before the public. I shall keep the name."

"I have been away from America twelve years, and I am awfully glad to get back. Fate has kept me away. I have been forced, against my wishes, to make a living elsewhere. I have been around the world four times, but I am a better American than I ever was."

"Then it was sentiment which brought you back to America?" she was asked.

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Secretary McAlister, of the Anti-Saloon League, Speaks in Roanoke.

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Secretary McAlister spoke, and replying to an interview with President Schultz of the brewery, reiterated his charge that the brewery supplied the brothels of the city with beer. He also said that the brewery people were playing the baby act now when last winter they had gotten the Legislature to embrace beer in the Byrd bill, declaring that they believed Roanoke would go dry, and they did not want to lose their brewery.

It was also stated that the Anti-Saloon people had collected only \$700 to pay the expenses of the campaign and owed \$1,500.

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could probably be sold for a good figure.

At present the building is dilapidated and standing idle, rotting away and yielding no income, the Council having rejected a recommendation of the Grounds and Buildings Committee to make repairs to the roof in order to prevent the building from falling into the hands of the city at a time when the city is paying rent at \$1,500 a year.

Flight in Jefferson Ward. Certainly the Jefferson Ward defecation, in which Seabrook's warehouse is located, is opposed to the playground on this site. President Wood, of the upper branch, in a dignified statement, at the last meeting, announced his opposition. Aldermen Adams and Nelson are also counted in the opposition, while Councilman Lynch, of this ward, led the fight against the measure in the lower branch.

Influential Jefferson Ward politicians are canvassing actively against the proposition. An argument used is that a number of saloons front on this location, and that, were it made into a playground, there might be difficulty in renewing the licenses next spring. The fact that the walls of the warehouse will remain, shutting off to the children the view of all outside conditions, seems to have no effect on this argument. The fate of the measure is yet in doubt, the ordinance requiring a two-thirds vote in the Board of Aldermen to insure the inclusion of the playground appropriation in the next budget.

OBITUARY

Mrs. S. F. Shelton. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BURKEVILLE, Va., January 3.—Mrs. S. F. Shelton, widow of Dr. T. W. Shelton, died at the home of her son-in-law, Dr. J. H. Shelton, at the age of seventy-one. She leaves six children: Mrs. John H. Young, of Burkeville; W. C. Shelton, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. M. M. Robertson, Cincinnati, Ohio; T. L. Shelton, Washington, D. C.; R. W. Shelton, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Miss F. B. Shelton, Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. James Nelson, of Richmond, at 3 P. M. to-day at Dr. Young's residence, and the burial will take place at 2 P. M. to-morrow at the home of her daughter, where the remains will be conducted on the 5 A. M. train.

Mrs. Marion